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## MARYLAND CORN, SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST AT RECORD HIGH

Annapolis, MD – Maryland corn and soybean production is forecast at a record high, according to Dale P. Hawks, State Statistician, of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of September and the first week of October, included the following commodities for Maryland:

**Corn:** Production is forecast at 74.8 million bushels, up 2 percent from September and up 13 percent from 2013. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 170.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the September forecast and 12 bushels above the 2013 average. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for Maryland. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 440 thousand acres, unchanged from the September but up 5 percent from 2013.

**Soybean:** Production is forecast at a record high 23.2 million bushels, up 7 percent from September and up 23 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month and up 6.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is at 505 thousand acres, up 2 percent from September and up 5 percent from last year.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Fall harvests may change these estimates considerably. The next production forecast will be issued November 10, 2014.

The Crop Production Report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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